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An Evening Echo.
The government of man should be the monarchy of reason; it is too often the democracy of passion or the anarchy of humors. — DR. WHICHOTE.

Business before friendship Congressmen Davis will find the motto to be in November.

Why vote for a man through friendship to go to Congress, when that man in Congress votes against your interests?

John M. Knox, Republican candidate for sheriff, has a clean bill of health as the Exponent and everyone else knows. The strong race he is making and the certainty of his election are hitting that sheet very much and it looks already like a whipped egg.

John M. Knox voted against the interests of the mill workers and farmers in his district and as a result against the interests of the merchants and others. If it is abuse and misrepresentation to tell this truth about him, he will have to stand for it.

Harrison county Democrats see the ghost walking already. They know the case is hopeless with their county ticket and their official organ is already mourning. Cheer up. The Republican county ticket in public office will treat you kindly, even better than you deserve.

Prominent county Democrats, members of the old disreputable Democratic machine of this county, wonder why it is that the people, especially many members of their party, prefer John M. Knox for sheriff. There is a reason. They know "Jack" Knox is honest and fit for the job.

That was a charitable act for Senator Watson to give that Huntington newspaper man \$500 a week to write articles about the Thompson meetings that even Democratic newspapers found heart enough to print. The latter probably came to the conclusion finally that they were fair-killers.

Will E. Morris stands before the people as one who has done his duty and is not afraid to do it. Intimations that he will not continue to do his duty are unjust but what else could be expected from the straw voting-baling crowd, whose contest even Fred L. Shinn pronounced a fake, a fraud and a fizzle.

A vote for Thompson for governor is a vote for the Watson, MacCorkle and Chilton corrupt combine and an expression of approval of the bribery, the Democratic delegates and a couple of Democratic members of the legislature who were carried out so vociferously before last. Does any honest, decent Democrat want that shame repeated?

Dollar marks intersperse Senator Watson's paid reporter's accounts of the Thompson meetings. The more dollars the brighter the accounts. A neat additional sum from Watson would actually make them glow, and still more would give them glitter. Pity for Thompson that Watson handed out only the paltry sum of \$500 a week to the narrator of what does not happen.

Keep the Mule Headed Off.
Clarence W. Watson is astride the Democratic mule in West Virginia. There can be no question about that. Everyone admits it, even Clarence himself. Every man who votes for the Democratic ticket in the state in November votes for that mule to carry Clarence back to the United States Senate.

The mule has another heavy load

to carry. It is the corrupt, dishonest, selfish and of Watson's political household. The mule will carry that disreputable political combine to the end of the state along with Watson, if a Republican Legislature is not elected.

Every voter in this state should remember election day that to vote the Democratic ticket is to send Watson back to the United States Senate, where charges are now standing against him and Chilton, pronounced by Senator LaFollette as far worse than those on which Lorimer was turned out. They should also not forget that a Democratic governor and legislature would mean a reign of bosses so closely allied with the corporate interests of this state as to be a part and parcel of them. In that event, it would be the common people be damned.

Be wise to your own welfare, voters of West Virginia, by not delegating that Democratic mule to carry a single part of his load to the destination Watson, MacCorkle and the Chiltons want him to do so.

Starvation Their Solution.
West Virginia's Democratic congressmen say they are going to reduce the cost of living.

Let us see what they really aim to do as shown by the votes they cast at the last session of Congress.

All of them, including our own townsman, John W. Davis, voted to close down the tin plate mill here, and thus throw 900 or 1,000 men out of employment.

These same congressmen say beef is too high. They say butter must be cheaper. They also say eggs must come down.

But, suppose beef, butter and eggs do all come down. What does that matter to the 900 or 1,000 tin plate workers here as well as to their families. With the mills closed down as Davis and his three Democratic colleagues from this state voted for them to be, those 900 or 1,000 men would have no money with which to buy beef, butter and eggs at the low prices Davis et al want them to be.

Those four Congressmen may as well understand here and now that they do not solve the cost of living problem by starving mill workers to death.

With the industrial and commercial centers having no money with which to buy commodities from the farms, prices will have but little to do with the living problem. There will be no markets because there will be no one to buy. Then what? Soup houses and the like as was under the Wilson free-trade law, which Davis and others are trying to inflict the country with again.

Sellers and buyers of foodstuffs need to be on their guard against the Davis free traders. As already stated starvation is their solution of the cost of living problem.

Question of Business.
The outspoken opposition of the Clarksburg Telegram is worth thousands of votes in Harrison county to John W. Davis—Exponent.

Mr. Davis and his intimates apparently are not themselves so happy in that view of it. From them have come quite frequently of recent date requests to refrain from discussing Mr. Davis's tariff votes, which this newspaper holds, together with all Republicans, are opposed to the best interest and welfare of the farmers, workingmen and business men of not only Harrison county but of the First congressional district and the entire state of West Virginia. No later than forty-eight hours since, an emissary from Mr. Davis's organization renewed the petition to cease attention to his candidacy and all that it represents inimical to the prosperity of our people, and devote space and time to other and more distant phases of the campaign. The latter pre-supposes such knowledge and weighty subjects as the Exponent this morning discussed with such clarity of expression, penetrating vision and impressive logic, to wit: How protection in Germany is oppressing the Germans, and what a splendid economic policy free trade is, in England.

We confess to an interest in things nearer home. We want our city's largest industry to stay in operation, employing its thousand hands at good wages as it is now. It would have shut down if the metal tariff bill for which Mr. Davis voted had prevailed. Fortunately, the veto of a courageous statesman in

the House kept it off. We want our farmers, stock raisers, sheep and soil back to continue to get the high prices that they now get. We want them to have the benefit of the eleven cents protection on wool, which protection Mr. Davis voted to eliminate, and which destructive vote on his part was again thwarted by the veto of President Taft.

We want the city of Clarksburg, the county of Harrison, the First congressional district, the state of West Virginia and every state in the union to continue to enjoy protection and prosperity, such as now prevails throughout the land, and that can not be realized by re-electing to Congress men whose views on the tariff are like those held by Mr. Davis, or whose votes will be like the ones he cast on the tariff bills last year.

We are unalterably, everlastingly and determinedly opposed to sending to Congress from this or any other district, a man who, at the next session of Congress when tariff revision is again undertaken, will be bound again, as Mr. Davis was bound in the Sixty-second Congress, by a Democratic caucus controlled by a majority composed of free trade Democrats from down South.

The election of a congressman is no trifling matter based on sentiment. It is no question of agreeable personal address, social graces, not intellectual accomplishments. It is a question of business—hard, stern, unrelenting—that affects the welfare of every individual man, woman and child directly.

Holding that in mind, it is plain to be seen by any man who does his own thinking, and indignantly declines to permit any presuming person to do it for him, that Mr. Davis, holding the views he does, caucus-bound by Southern free traders in his party as he has been and will have to be if returned, is impossible in the minds of men as a desirable representative of their interests.

Resume of Mme. Alda's Career.
The coming of Mme. Frances Alda in concert at the Elks' auditorium here Tuesday night is of interest to a resume of the prima donna's career, for although she has sung in this country but a few seasons, the name of Alda has already begun to loom large on the musical horizon.

While Mme. Alda was still in her teens she journeyed to Europe to commence serious study for the operatic stage. Three strenuous years of study in Paris under Madame Marchesi followed, and then, in 1904, she was chosen by Massenet himself to sing the title role in his opera of "Manon" at the opera Comique.

So great was the young singer's success, that she was immediately engaged for the "Monnaie" Brussels, where she remained three seasons.

After Brussels, followed a season at Covent Garden, London, where she again scored many successes, one of the most notable being that of "Gilda" in "Rigoletto." At the request of Campani, then conductor at Covent Garden, she next visited Parma, Italy, to take part in the gala performances there. After Parma, Madame Alda then reached what is commonly regarded as one of the topmost rungs of a singer's ladder of fame, being engaged as prima donna at La Scala, Milan, where she created the role of "Louise" in Charpentier's opera of that name.

By this time Frances Alda was firmly established as a European favorite, and her name and fame having traveled as far as South America, she received an offer to go to Buenos Ayres. Madame Alda accepted and sang in the Brazilian capital for a season, winning a remarkable triumph. Immediately on her return to Paris, she was engaged for grand opera, where she sang for three years. During this engagement she was secured by the Metropolitan Opera Company, and her New York debut, like her London one, was made with Caruso, and in the same opera "Rigoletto."

Since then Madame Alda has won many successes in numerous roles, not alone with the New York company, but with the Boston, Chicago and Montreal organizations. The diva's repertoire includes all of the noted operas of the Italian and French schools and next season she will essay Wagnerian opera, her first role being that of "Eva" in "Die Meistersinger."

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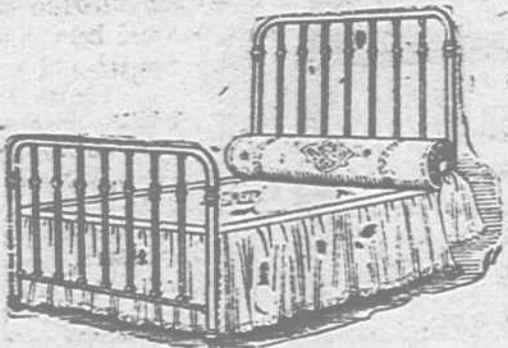
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